

Steps For Exporting Seedstock To Canada

1. Locate a buyer for your sheep.
2. Contact your practicing accredited veterinarian who has been trained to test animals for export and issue international health certificates. The veterinarian will be involved with the finite details of moving the sheep across the border. He/She will work closely with the Federal veterinarian in the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) office in Helena, MT, who will review, endorse and emboss a seal on the health papers prior to export.
3. The accredited veterinarian will inspect and test animals for export in accordance with import requirements of Canada. The testing required depends on whether it is done during the vector free period (October 15 to March 31) or vector period (April 1 to October 14).
 - Vector Free Period (October 15 to March 31)
 - a. One C.F. test negative at 1:10 for B. Ovis.
 - b. One ELISA (bluetongue) test if bled between Nov. 15 and March 31, otherwise 2 bluetongue tests are required
 - c. There is no on-farm isolation or vector control required during the non-vector period.
 - Vector Period (April 1 to October 14)
 - a. Two tests for bluetongue 30-90 days apart, export isolation and treatment for vector control required.
 - b. One C.F. test required for B. Ovis within 30 days of export.
4. When all testing is complete and the results are negative, you may ship your sheep across the border. At the border, the border patrol will need to see a signed copy of the health certificate and a signed copy of the requirements for movement of sheep from U.S. to Canada. They will also charge an import fee.

Costs

Here is an **EXAMPLE** of export costs and a timeline for 10 head of breeding rams tested during vector period of April 1st to October 14th. In this case, the rams will be sold on August 15th.

1. Local veterinarian costs for examination, drawing blood, lab fees and writing certificates.

- *30 days before sale, contact your veterinarian.

- He/She will charge you for both the out-call and examination. Prices may vary from \$40-100.

- On his first visit, you will also pay \$5-\$14/head for the bluetongue test. The B-Ovis test costs \$4-8 for the first sheep and \$1.50-3.00 for each additional sheep. Consequently, total cost for 10 head would be \$50-140 for the blue tongue test and \$17.50-35 for the B-Ovis test. Total cost of the first visit would be \$107.50-275.

- *Your veterinarian will need to return in 30 days for the second out-call.

- He/She will charge you for both the out-call and for examination. Prices may vary from \$40-100. You will also pay \$5-14/head lab fee for the bluetongue test. Total cost for the 10 head would be \$50-140. Total cost for the second visit would be \$90-240.

- *Your veterinarian may charge you anywhere from \$0-25 for health certificate preparation.

2. Endorsement and review costs by APHIS:

- USDA user fee includes:

- * \$52.50 for the first animal in the group.

- * \$3.00 for each additional animal in the group.

- So for our example herd of 10 rams it would cost \$79.50.

3. Import fee at the border:

- Canada charges \$21 for the first sheep and \$4.55 for each additional sheep brought across the border. For our example, this would be a total of \$61.95.



4. Total cost will be between \$338.95-\$681.45 for exporting 10 breeding rams to Canada.

This is just an example of the costs of exportation. All of the prices may vary due to unforeseen costs. Consult your local veterinarian for prices in your area.

*These fees were imposed per the 1990 farm bill.